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WIFA Chairman Steve Owens Announces Grant to Florence for Wastewater Treatment System Design

PHOENIX –Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona Chairman Steve Owens announced today the WIFA Board approval of a \$20,000 technical assistance grant to support the town of Florence with the design phase of its wastewater collection and treatment system master plan.

The WIFA grant will assist the town in preparing 20 year comprehensive plan for capital improvements to its wastewater treatment system.

“As towns like Florence grow there is a need to ensure that the community has an adequate wastewater treatment system,” said Owens, who is also the director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. “We are pleased to support Florence in an effort to plan for the future.”

Florence’s existing treatment plants are limited because of the expanding population and increasingly deficient collection. These problems will be exacerbated if planning for impending development does not occur.

“The WIFA grant will help Florence develop a master plan that will forecast the long term needs of the community and how to meet those needs efficiently,” said WIFA Executive Director Jay Spector.

Surplus water will irrigate the city’s regional park as well as a wetland-recharge recreational area park.

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ABOUT THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. WIFA's funds are capitalized by contributions from the US Congress and the state of Arizona. As a leader in water infrastructure finance, WIFA has become a premier financial institution both in Arizona and nationally. Visit WIFA’s Web site at www.azwifa.gov.